

NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
2019 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 29th
Las Cruces Convention Center – Rooms 7-8

1. **Call to Order** – President David Izraelevitz called the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Business Meeting to order at 3:00 pm. He introduced the head table.
2. **Roll Call** – Anita Tafoya took roll. There were 55 voting delegates present at the meeting.

Voting Delegates Present:

Richard Boss, Mayor – City of Alamogordo
Cynthia Borrego, Councilor – City of Albuquerque
Gloria Gameros, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Anthony
Luis Flores, Mayor Po Tem – City of Artesia
Sherri Sipe, Commissioner – City of Aztec
Lee Alirez, Police Chief – City of Bayard
Ida Fierro, Clerk/Administrator – Town of Bernalillo
Gayle Jones, Clerk/Administrator – Village of Bosque Farms
Matthew Gonzales, Councilor – Village of Cimarron
Ernest Sanchez, Mayor – Town of Clayton
Cindy Voight, Trustee – Village of Cloudcroft
Chris Bryant, Commissioner – City of Clovis
Esequiel Salas, Mayor – Village of Columbus
Jo Anne Roake, Mayor – Village of Corrales
Sandra Weippert, Councilor – Village of Cuba
Benny Jasso, Mayor – City of Deming
Audrey Jaramillo, Councilor – Town of Edgewood
Kim Skinner, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Elephant Butte
Durward Dixon, Mayor –Town of Elida
Javier Sanchez, Mayor – City of Española
Billy Hobbs, Mayor – City of Eunice
Nate Duckett, Mayor – City of Farmington
Tony Garcia, Mayor – Town of Hagerman
Andy Nuñez, Mayor – Village of Hatch
Don Gerth, Commissioner – City of Hobbs
Stephen Aldridge, Mayor – City of Jal
Greg Smith, Councilor – City of Las Cruces
Pete Sheehey, Councilor – City/County of Los Alamos
Charles Griego, Mayor – Village of Los Lunas
Donald Lopez, Mayor – Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
David Trujillo, Mayor – City of Lovington
Richard Rumpf Mayor – Village of Magdalena
Nora Barraza, Mayor – Town of Mesilla
Helen Dayan, Mayor Pro Tem – Village of Milan
Ernie Lopez, Councilor – Town of Mountainair

Voting Delegates Present – continued

Diane Parker, Mayor – City of Portales
Charlie Gonzales, Councilor – Village of Questa
Linde Schuster, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Raton
George Woerndle, Mayor Pro Tem – Town of Red River
Mark Gwinn, Mayor – City of Rio Communities
Gregg Hull, Mayor – City of Rio Rancho
Judy Stubbs, Councilor – City of Roswell
Joseph Eby, Councilor – Village of Ruidoso
Gary Williams, Mayor – City of Ruidoso Downs
Billie Jo Barnes, Mayor – Village of San Jon
Nelson Kotiar, Mayor – City of Santa Rosa
Ken Ladner, Mayor – Town of Silver City
Gordy Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem – City of Socorro
Sam Blea, Deputy Clerk – Town of Springer
Javier Perea, Mayor – City of Sunland Park
Christof Brownell, Mayor – Village of Taos Ski Valley
Marilyn Burns, Mayor – Town of Tatum
Gloria Chavez, Mayor – Village of Tijeras
Morris Madrid, Manager – City of Truth or Consequences
Christopher Arias, Commissioner – Tucumcari

NMML Officers & Staff Present

President David Izraelevitz, Councilor – City/County of Los Alamos
President-Elect Cynthia Ann Bettison, Mayor Pro Tem – Town of Silver City
Vice President Neil Segotta, Mayor – City of Raton
Treasurer Dave Venable, Mayor – Village of Cloudcroft
William F. Fulginiti, Executive Director
Regina Romero, Intergovernmental Relations Director
Anita Tafoya, Support Services Director
Ed Zendel, Risk Services Director
Linda Alire-Naranjo, Program Director
Tasha Martinez, Communications Director
AJ Forte, Special Projects Coordinator
Jackie Portillo, Support Services Coordinator
Valerie Maes, Office Clerk
Maria Ortiz, Receptionist

Canvassing Committee

Jan Fletcher, CMC, Clerk – Hobbs
Gayle Jones, MMC, Clerk/Administrator – Bosque Farms
Renee Martinez, CMC, Manager/Clerk/Court Clerk – Questa
Randy Van Vleck, General Counsel – NMML

Member Municipalities Absent:

Village of Angel Fire	Village of Fort Sumner	City of Moriarty
City of Belen	City of Gallup	Village of Mosquero
City of Bloomfield	Village of Grady	Village of Pecos
Village of Capitan	City of Grants	Town of Peralta
City of Carlsbad	Village of Grenville	Village of Reserve
Town of Carrizozo	Village of Hope	Village of Roy
Village of Causey	Village of House	Village of San Ysidro
Village of Chama	Town of Hurley	Village of Santa Clara
Village of Corona	Village of Jemez Springs	City of Santa Fe
Village of Des Moines	Town of Kirtland	Town of Taos
Village of Dexter	Town of Lake Arthur	City of Texico
Village of Dora	City of Las Vegas	Village of Tularosa
Village of Eagle Nest	Village of Logan	Town of Vaughn
Village of Encino	City of Lordsburg	Village of Virden
Town of Estancia	Village of Loving	Town of Wagon Mound
Village of Floyd	Village of Maxwell	Village of Willard
Village of Folsom	Village of Melrose	Village of Williamsburg

- 3. Approval of Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks and seconded by Mayor Nora Barraza. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – After review of the August 30, 2018 Annual Business Meeting minutes, a motion was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Helen Dayan to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- 5. Credentials Committee Report** – President-Elect Cynthia Ann Bettison, and Credentials Chair, recognized the Committee. She stated that all municipalities present at the Annual Business Meeting were members in good standing. A motion to accept the report was made by Councilor Matthew Gonzales and seconded by Mayor Billie Jo Barnes. Motion carried.
- 6. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Dave Venable reported that Barraclough & Associates of Santa Fe had conducted the League's 2019 fiscal year audit. The final audit report will be available at the League office in about two weeks.

Treasurer Venable stated that the Auditors found no exceptions to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The League ended the 2019 fiscal year with total assets of approximately 4.5 million dollars and total liabilities of about 3.9 million dollars. The League continues to enjoy 100% participation by the cities, towns and villages of the State of New Mexico and the financial stability of the League remains solid. A motion to approve the August 29, 2019 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilor Cynthia Borrego and seconded by Mayor Dave Venable. Motion carried. *(A copy of the Treasurer's Report is made a permanent part of these minutes.)*

7. **NMML Bylaws Report** – President Izraelevitz, and Bylaws Chair, reported that the Committee met on May 31st and completed its review of the Bylaws that were last amended and adopted on September 2, 2010. He stated that aside from basic stylistic and grammatical changes, the Committee recommends the following changes:

▪ **Article III – Officers, Section 9. Filling of Vacancies:** Clarifies that if the offices of President and President-Elect become vacant, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President for the unexpired term of the Office of President, and if the offices of President, President-Elect and Vice-President become vacant, the Treasurer shall assume the duties of President for the unexpired term of the Office of President. If none of the officers are able to perform the duties of office, the Board of Directors will appoint individuals to perform the functions of Vice-President and Treasurer for the unexpired term. A motion to approve Article III, Section 9., as amended, was made by Mayor Billie Jo Barnes and seconded by Mayor Gary Williams. Motion carried.

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, A. Composition of the Board of Directors, #3 & #4:** Establishes a dedicated seat on the Board of Directors for the Mayor of the City of Albuquerque and clarifies that the City Council of the City of Albuquerque may select a second member to the Board of Directors. A motion to approve Article IV, A. #3 & #4, as amended, was made by Mayor Billie Jo Barnes and seconded by Councilor Cynthia Borrego. Motion carried.

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, A. Composition of the Board of Directors, #5 & #6:** Clarifies that both Directors-at-Large and District Directors shall be Elected Officials. The position of Alternate District Director is eliminated. A motion to approve Article IV, A. #5 & #6, as amended, was made by Mayor Billie Jo Barnes and seconded by Mayor Gary Williams. Motion carried.

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, A. Composition of the Board of Directors, #7:** Establishes additional Directors who shall be an Elected Official selected by the Governing Body, from every municipality with a population that exceeds 50,000 according to the most recent decennial census.

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, A. Composition of the Board of Directors, #8:** Establishes additional Directors who shall be the Presidents of every Subsection that has been approved and authorized by the Board of Directors provided that individual is a Municipal Official. If the President is not a Municipal Member, the Subsection may name another person who is a Municipal Member to serve on the Board.

A motion to approve Article IV, A. #7 & #8, as amended, was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Helen Dayan. Motion carried.

NMML Bylaws Report – *continued*

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, B. Limitations:** Limits each municipality to a single representative on the Board excluding: Officers of the League, the Chair of the Self Insurer’s Fund, Subsection Presidents, and NMML Past Presidents.

▪ **Article IV – Board of Directors, Section 3. Quorum and Voting:** Clarifies the quorum requirement as a majority of all Elected Official Members of the Board to be a quorum.

A motion to approve Article IV, B. Limitations and Section 3. Quorum and Voting, as amended, was made by Mayor Gregg Hull and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Miller. Motion carried.

▪ **Article VI – Districts, Section 3. District Directors:** Clarifies that each District shall elect an Elected Official and eliminated the position of Alternate District Director. A motion to approve Article VI, as amended, was made by Mayor Billie Jo Barnes and seconded by Mayor Gary Williams. Motion carried.

▪ **Article VII – Committees, Section 4. Nominating Committee:** Clarifies that the Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, who shall serve as Chair and one person from each of the League Districts. A motion to approve Article VII, as amended, was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Parker. Motion carried.

▪ **Article VIII – Annual Conference, Section 6. Voting B.:** Clarifies that any single voting delegate may demand a standing roll call vote on any question; and, **Section 9. Elections – Officers and Board, D. Nominations from the Floor:** Clarifies at the Annual Business Meeting nominations from the floor may be made by any certified voting delegate in attendance for any office except for President, unless there is no President-Elect, or directorship to be filled. A motion to approve Article VIII, as amended, was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Parker. Motion carried.

▪ **Article XI – Affiliations and Subsections, Section 7. Dissolution:** Specifically authorizes the Board of Directors to dissolve any Subsection that it had previously authorized. A motion to approve Article XI, Section 7, as amended, was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks. Motion carried.

▪ **Article XIII – Dissolution, Section 1. Vote:** Clarifies that with three-fourths (3/4) of the NMML Member municipalities voting in favor of dissolution of the NMML, the NMML shall be dissolved within six (6) months of the date approving such action. A motion to approve Article XIII, as amended, was made by Mayor Nora Barraza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Parker. Motion carried.

A motion to approve all of the changes to the NMML Bylaws was made by Mayor Gregg Hull and seconded by Councilor Cynthia Borrego. Motion carried.

8. **Resolutions Committee Report** – President-Elect Bettison, Committee Chair, reported that the Resolutions Committee met on July 20th at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel. The Committee adopted 40 proposed 2019-2020 Annual Resolutions and the proposed 2019-2020 Statement of Municipal Policy.

The Resolutions Committee reconvened on August 28th (yesterday), and adopted the following new resolutions:

- Resolution 2019-A – Concerning Support for Nuclear Energy as a Component of New Mexico’s Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Resolution 2019-B – Concerning Municipal Hold Harmless Gross Receipts Tax Distributions

President-Elect Bettison thanked the Resolutions Committee and submitted the report to the Membership for final consideration.

9. **Resolutions Committee Recommendations – Discussion/Amendments & Adoption** – The following action was taken by the voting delegates.

- 2019-2020 Annual Resolutions – A motion was made by Mayor Nora Barraza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Helen Dayan to adopt the 2019-2020 Annual Resolutions including new resolutions 2019-A and 2019-B. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2019-2020 Statement of Municipal Policy – A motion was made by Mayor Nora Barraza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Helen Dayan to adopt the 2019-2020 Statement of Municipal Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Election of Officers & Board Members** – President Izraelevitz reviewed the Election Procedures adopted by the League Board of Directors. He stated that the President-Elect, automatically assumes the President’s position, and that will be Cynthia Ann Bettison, Mayor Pro Tem of Silver City, who is currently President Elect. A round of applause was given to incoming President Bettison. He continued his report stating that the newly-elected Officers and Directors term of office begins October 1st. President Izraelevitz recognized and thanked the Canvassing Committee for their assistance.

President Izraelevitz announced that Declaration of Candidacy letters were received for the following Board positions:

- ♦ ***President-Elect:*** Neil Segotta, Mayor – Raton. President Izraelevitz opened the floor for nominations for the position of President-Elect. There being none, a motion was made by Mayor Gregg Hull and seconded by Mayor Nora Barraza that nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Neil Segotta was elected President-Elect.

Election of Officers & Board Members – *continued*

♦ **Vice President:** Mayor Javier Perea – Sunland Park and Mayor David Venable – Cloudcroft. President Izraelevitz opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice President. There being none, a motion was made by Trustee Cindy Voight and seconded by Mayor Ernest Sanchez that nominations cease. Each candidate presented their credentials. A vote for Vice President was taken by ballot and Mayor Javier Perea was elected Vice President.

♦ **Treasurer:** Mayor Gloria Chavez – Tijeras and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Miller – Portales. President Izraelevitz opened the floor for nominations for the position of Treasurer. There being none, a motion was made by Mayor Mark Gwinn and seconded by Commissioner Christopher Arias that nominations cease. Each candidate presented their credentials. A vote for Treasurer was taken by ballot and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Miller was elected Treasurer.

♦ **3 Directors-at-Large for a 2-Year Term:** Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks – Socorro, Mayor Gregg Hull – Rio Rancho and Judge Elise Larsen – Grants. President Izraelevitz opened the floor for nominations for the Director-at-Large positions. There being none, a motion was made by Mayor Andy Nunez and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Helen Dayan that nominations cease. Motion carried and all three candidates were elected by acclamation.

♦ **1 Director-at-Large for a 1-Year Term:** President Izraelevitz opened the floor for nominations for the one-year term Director-at-Large position. The following nominations were made:

- Trustee Cindy Voight nominated Mayor David Venable – Cloudcroft
- Mayor Gregg Hull nominated Mayor Don Lopez – Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
- Mayor Billie Jo Barnes nominated Mayor Gloria Chavez – Tijeras

A motion was made by Mayor Bill Jo Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Christopher Arias that nominations cease. Candidates presented their credentials. A vote for the one-year term Director-at-Large position was taken by ballot and Mayor Don Lopez was elected Director-at-Large.

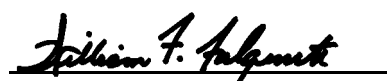
While the Canvassing Committee counted the ballots for the Vice President position, Mayor Pro Tem Bettison stated that she was honored to be their incoming President. She stated that her focus is on Resolutions and Policy.

11. Old Business – None

12. New Business – None

13. Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the membership, the Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



William F. Fulginiti, Executive Director